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S/S - Mr. Fisher Howe

EUR:EE - Henry P. Leverich

Soviet Note Re Alleged US Violation of Soviet Air Space near
Velikaya Kema

The Soviet Embassy this afternoon delivered by messenger a note referring to the U.S. Aide Memoire of March 31 replying to the Soviet Aide Memoire of March 5 Concerning an alleged violation on March 2 by an American military jet aircraft of the Soviet frontier in the Far East.

The note accuses the United States of an attempt to deny the fact of the violation and reiterates with certain additional details the Soviet version of the incident. The note states that the Soviet Government expects that the U.S. Government will investigate further the facts of the violation, severely punish those guilty, take necessary measures to prohibit such violations in the future, and concludes with the assertion that in the event of new violations, full responsibility for the consequences will fall upon the Government of the United States.

An official translation of the note (original and two copies) is attached. A copy of the translation has also been given to EUR - Mr. Kohler, who had action on the previous note.

cc: EUR - Mr. Kohler

Attachment:

Translation of Soviet note

EUR:EE:PASmith,Jr.:ps

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